



# Foggy Bottom News

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## GWU Proposes "Foggy Bottom Museum"

GWU President Steven Joel Trachtenberg announced in a "Dear Neighbors" letter that the university is planning a Foggy Bottom Museum to be located on the campus. Along with other academic and social events the plan is part of the celebration of the university's 90th year in Foggy Bottom.

Details on the museum are so far undetermined, including its location. David Anderson, the university's archivist, told the News that it probably would be built upon three previous exhibits on Foggy Bottom shown by GW over the past few years, perhaps enhanced by additional materials.

The idea, according to Anderson and Jim Hesse, Executive Director of University Events, came from President Trachtenberg and Board of Trustees member Robert Perry. Included in the plans is the formation of a committee of university staff, professors, and representatives of the the Historical Society of Washington, D.C., and of the Foggy Bottom community. GW Vice President of Communications Michael Freedman is directing the project, aided by Gelman Librarian Jack Siggins. They anticipate the committee "to strategize and implement the museum" will be formed in the spring, and the timetable for establishing the museum will come from their deliberations. The first museum-oriented event is an exhibit placed in the university's media center in mid-February.

## Engine 23 Station Called Historic

Engine Company 23's firehouse, at 2119 G Street, has been nominated for historic designation by the Capitol Fire Museum, and is before the Historic Preservation Review Board for a decision on its historic significance.

The station opened on November 25, 1910, and originally housed horse-drawn equipment. Metal tracks used in those early days remained in the floor until 1975.

Company 23's equipment consists of a fairly new truck and an ambulance. Both the truck and the ambulance wear the designation "Foggy Bottom," and the truck bears a special "non-official" Foggy



Selena Walker and Michael Gardner, just in from an EMT call, pose at the Station 23 dinner table.

Bottom license plate commissioned by the firefighters some years ago. Captain Robert Mulligan directs the station, aided by Lieutenants Kelvin York, Joseph Washington and Kevin L. Stuart.

The fire station over the years has been threatened with closure, and residents have

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## Update

### ANC Debates Opening Health & Wellness

At the January ANC-2A meeting, a lengthy debate was held on a resolution supporting the removal of membership and hour restrictions on the GWU Health & Wellness Center. When the construction of the building was approved by the Board of Zoning Adjustment, the center's closing hours were set at 10:00 weekdays and 8:00 Sunday, and the membership limited to GWU staff, faculty and students.

In response to requests by some residents to be allowed to use the new facility, ANC Commissioners Donald Morency and Jeff Marootian proposed that the center be open to a wider group of persons, and that the hours be extended to midnight daily.

The meeting attendees were divided, with some hoping to be admitted to its facilities.

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### Board Election Set for February 25

At the February FBA meeting, members will be asked to elect a new member to the Executive Board to fill the unexpired term of Olga Corey who died in September. The Bylaws require a vote by the membership, and its requirement for 15 days' notice was fulfilled by an announcement in the February issue of the News. The FBA Executive Board is recommending that Thalia Johnson of Potomac Plaza be elected to the seat; additional nominations from the floor will be accepted.

## DOT Chief Says "Big Mistake"

D.C. Division of Transportation chief Dan Tangherlini has committed his department to removing equipment from a staging area at 27th and K "by the end of February." At a meeting in early February, arranged by Ward 2 Councilmember Jack Evans, Mr. Tangherlini confessed that appropriating that area was "a big, big mistake."

The area on the southwest corner of 27th & K Streets has been parkland, but in October residents "woke up . . . to find that a large part" had been fenced, according to Ed Gable, President of the Griffin Condominium board of directors. Asphalt had been laid, two large trailers and a myriad of construction equipment suddenly occupied the site. Since then, the staging area has been significantly enlarged, despite DOT's promises to discontinue its use.

The Division of Transportation, reportedly soon to become a separate department, is using the area for the repair of M Street in Georgetown. Pursuant to an agreement with groups there, all work on and under the streets must be done after 10:00 p.m. Consequently, after 8:00 p.m., according to Mr. Gable, "minor league baseball lights turn on, trucks and bulldozers start moving in and out, and the parkland becomes something like a war zone."

At the February meeting, Ed Mulrenin, who lives in Potomac Overlook on 26th Street, declared he has been kept awake or awakened by truck backup signals, materials (gravel and lumber) being dumped into and from trucks and other disturbances. Mr. Mulrenin is pursuing a stopwork order or an injunction against the nighttime noise which he claims is far

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## FOGGY BOTTOM ASSOCIATION MEETING

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and  
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(Next meeting: Monday, March 25, 2002)





## Letters

### Cause for Celebration?

The latest letter to the community (of GWU President Trachtenberg in the February Foggy Bottom News) would be funny if it were so intended. Since I fear that was not the intent, the letter, instead, is just a bad joke.

The 90th Anniversary of GWU should be a cause for celebration and indeed would be if the last 20 years had not been at the community's expense.

Apparently Mr. Trachtenberg's idea of community diversity is how diverse and how large he can make his real estate portfolio. His policy is to incorporate into his campus the entire residential community. In that effort, he has been largely successful. In that regard, may the next ninety years be less successful for the university, and more successful for our residential community.

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### SWW Holding March Auction

The School Without Walls, the senior high school on G Street, is holding an auction on Saturday, March 9, and will welcome contributions of items for the sale and participation in the auction itself. The event will be held at the offices of Fried Frank Harris Shriver and Jacobson, 1001 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., at 7:00 p.m. The Fried Frank law firm is a "partner" of the school.

The SWW Home School Association, sponsor of the

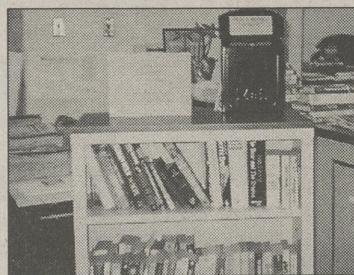
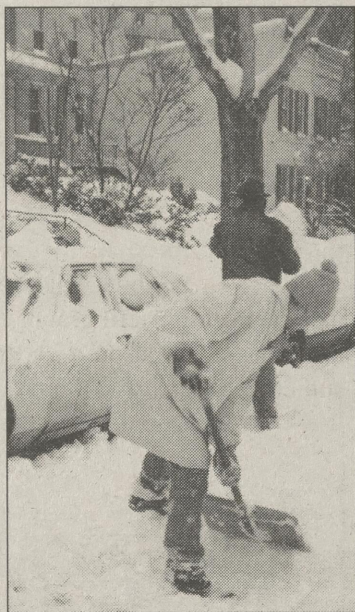
auction, is looking for items such as gift certificates (stores or tickets), gift items, restaurant meals, books, works of art, tours and hotel stays. Also welcome are personal or professional services (tutoring, financial services, computer assistance); home services (electrician, plumber, carpentry, etc.); and homemade meals or desserts.

To contribute or for information call SWW Librarian Mrs. Kauffman at 724-2171; the main number of the school is 724-4889.

### If It Snows . . .

There is always a chance we will have inclement weather (snow or icy conditions) on FBA meeting nights. If so, there will be a message on 337-5528 indicating whether or not the meeting will be held.

Remember, when it snows residents are responsible for clearing their sidewalks. Often neighbors will lend shovels; students may help if you call the Newman Center (676-6855) or the GW Student Association (994-7100), depending on their schedules.



### By Popular Demand . . .

### WEL Books on Sale Daily

By Lucille Duprat

Going on vacation? Now you will no longer have to worry about taking a library book with you and losing it. You may buy some at the West End Library: 50 cents for paperbacks and one dollar for hardbacks.

In response to requests by neighborhood residents, the West End Library Friends has instituted an ongoing sale of used books during regular library hours. The sales bookcase is located near the service desk close to the exit. The bookcase has a locked cash box secured to the top to receive payments for purchases. Since there will be no sales attendance, correct change is needed. Most of the used books for sale currently fall into the mystery, fiction, or biography categories. If there is a particular category of book that you would like to have displayed, please leave a note at the library addressed to Lucille Duprat, who is directing the book sale for the Friends.

The book sales are made possible by the strong support received from Librarian Barbara Kubinski and her staff, including Mario Ascencio, Debbie Taylor, Anthony Hook, Calvin Davis and especially Susan Williams. Thanks are also due to Michael Boyd who located and secured the necessary cash box.

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### Mixed Media Exhibits Open at Arts Club

The mixed-media works of Katherine Steichen Rosing and Victor Sparrow are being featured during the month of March at the Arts Club of Washington. The opening reception for the shows will be held on Friday, March 1, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Ms. Rosing's exhibit will feature "Change and Time in Nature and

Men," and will include a series of 21 small works titled "Measures of the Millennium." Mr. Sparrow's is "The Atlas Collages," using paintings, assemblages, books and electronic media. Both artists have exhibited extensively in museums in the U.S. and elsewhere.

The Arts Club is located at 2017 I Street, N.W., and both artists will be present for the openings.

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above the acceptable decibel level. Mr. Evans also committed himself to join residents in picketing the site on March 1 if the equipment has not been moved.

Mr. Tangherlini's reason for not removing the equipment was the lack of an alternative site, and pressure from residents prompted Mr. Evans to actively seek out such a site—out of Foggy Bottom. The councilmember told the audience at the meeting that "a deal has been struck" to move the entire project to Georgetown, where most residents feel it belonged from the beginning. Possible locations are under Key Bridge or on K Street under the Whitehurst Freeway.



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A number of recreational and social events are scheduled as well. Contact 895-9448 for further information. IONA offices are located near Tenley Circle. In addition, it is the sponsor of the mid-day program at St. Mary's Court (nourishing, low-cost luncheon and speakers), as well as exercise and yoga sessions. Michele Mullins, IONA's director at St. Mary's, is looking for one or more art instructors. If interested and available, call her at 659-5645.

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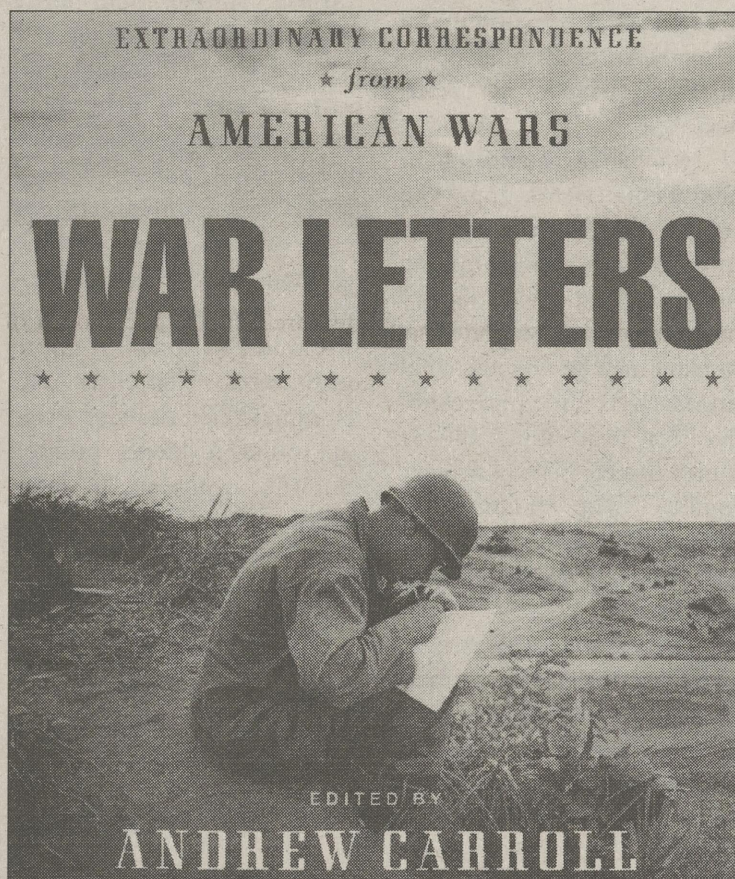
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## Authors Carroll and Gilbert at February Meeting

Andrew Carroll and Bill Gilbert, authors of recent award-winning books, will be the featured speakers at the February 25 meeting of the Foggy Bottom Association. It will be held at the Melrose Hotel, 2430 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., at 7:30 p.m. All residents are welcome.

Mr. Carroll lives in Adams Morgan, and in 1998 established "The Legacy Project" to honor veterans by seeking out and preserving letters to and from service men and women. His most recent book is the New York Times' best seller "War Letters: Extraordinary Correspondence from American Wars," which prompted a PBS special last fall entitled "War Letters." He earlier published "Letters of a Nation," a collection spanning the years from Cotton Mather to Bill Clinton. He is also the founder and executive director of the American Poetry and Literacy Project, a nonprofit organization that distributes thousands of free books to public places in the U.S.

Bill Gilbert's latest book is "Ship of Miracles," describing an incredible rescue voyage during the Korean War. Following the American breakout from the Chosin Reservoir in December 1950 and the struggle to reach escape ships in Hungnam,



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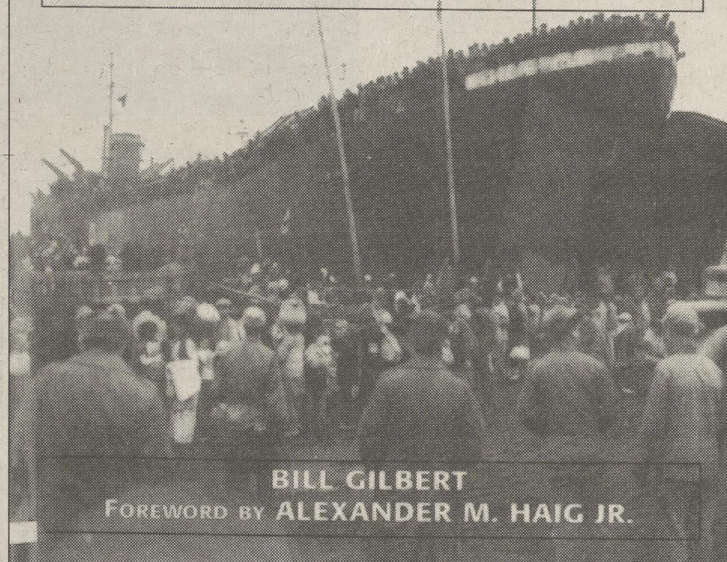
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The FBA is happy to present an evening somewhat in contrast to the usual local issue speakers, and believes those attending will find these two authors most entertaining and informative.

Charles Mason, Neighborhood Stabilization Officer, will also be at the meeting, will explain his duties, and respond to questions. Mr. Mason is on the staff of the Department of Consumer & Regulatory Affairs.

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## Health & Wellness Debated

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ties, and many others concerned about increased late night noise. (That concern stems from the disturbance caused by groups of students walking home at night, probably not really aware of how loud they are talking.) Another objection was opening it up to all GWU graduates, which was felt to include too many people from all over the area. There were also comments that any relaxation of eligibility be strictly limited to proven Foggy Bottom residents.

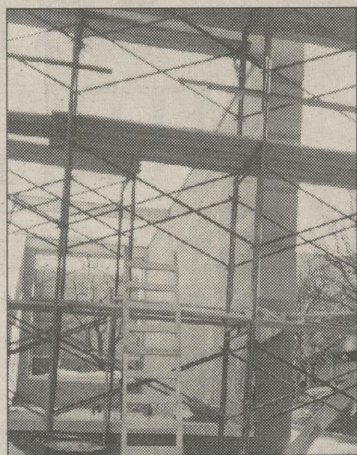
Since no formal request to the BZA has been made by the University, the ANC opted to contact GWU and open a dialogue on the subject. Bea Watson, Administrator of St. Mary's Court, continues to request that Court residents have free access to the Center, as promised by GW during the BZA hearings.

Another group of seniors, who currently are in a long-standing water aerobics class at the Smith Center, want to be allowed to continue their therapeutic sessions at the new pool. They were advised earlier that the University will not let them continue at the Smith Center pool, and a request to President Trachtenberg for "grandfathering" did not succeed.

### Hospital CEO Follows Up

The chief executive officer of the George Washington Uni-

versity Hospital, Dan McLean, has followed through with several requests made of him



during his appearance at the January FBA meeting. When he was advised that two lights in the Metro walkway had been removed during construction, he promised to restore them. Within a few days, two lights were installed. He told the News that he ordered the lights erected immediately, and told the construction supervisor to worry later about whether the hospital or the university should pay for them. Under an agreement with the city, the university has responsibility for the maintenance of the walkway located on a segment of I Street. He is also looking into the reported damage to the walkway.

In response to a question about the additional structure at the southwest edge of the building, the audience was told that this reinforced area has been constructed to hold liquid oxygen, was mandated by the Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs,

and was included in the final hospital plans approved by the Board of Zoning Adjustment.

### Zoning Cases Still Pending

Several important zoning matters for the Foggy Bottom/West End community are still pending as we go to press.

**1957 E Street:** the ANC's Findings of Fact in the case were due February 12. The building is partially completed, and its approval by the Zoning Administrator was, according to the ANC, illegal. The ANC contends it represents a significant change in the use and amenities called for under the original planned unit development approval; violates the campus plan which calls for heavily-used buildings to be in the "core" of the campus; and is a "de facto" attempt to expand the campus boundaries. A decision might be made at the Zoning Commission's March or April meetings.

**New IMF Building at 1900 Penn:** Hearings by the Zoning Commission on this proposed new office building for the International Monetary Fund have been completed. A decision may be announced at its March 11 meeting scheduled for 6:30 p.m. at 441 Fourth Street, N.W. (Judiciary Square). The building is planned for the site of the former GWU-owned PEPCO building.

The community's concerns with the project include security for the adjacent residential neighborhood, based on frequent demonstrations against the IMF; tie-ups caused by the 20th Street loading dock and increased traffic all around the project; and the inadequacy of the community amenities offered in return for an additional 220,000 square feet of density.

**Possible Rezoning of Square 37:** At the January Foggy Bottom Association meeting, attendees heard a spirited discussion of the plans of James Pedas to seek higher rezoning of the south half of the square, which also houses the West End Library and the Police's Special Operations Division. Residents of a low-rise rental apartment house in the square (perhaps the last affordable housing in the West End), are asking that



Lt. Kevin Stuart, Victor Palmer and Dana Archie finish supper (and watch football) at the G Street fire station.

come to its defense. Since it is the closest station to the White House, threatening it

sometimes was a political tool to gain some objective, such as increased appropriations.

the developer's proposal be defeated.

Mr. Pedas owns a parking lot in the square, directly across from the new Ritz-Carlton complex, built partly on former Pedas property. The D.C. Office of Planning supports a change to higher-density residential use, prompted by the city's hunger for economic development. (Many residents feel Foggy Bottom has had quite enough "economic development" and would like to spread it out to other parts of the city.) ANC Commissioner Richard Price and other residents pointed out the problems a large building would bring, especially to traffic on 23rd Street, already unbearable most of the day.

The Zoning Commission is prepared to deliberate the case, but has deferred it until it decides on a proposed new

zoning category allowing high density with "neighborhood-serving retail."

**Campus Plan Court Cases:** In addition to going back to Federal Court to battle against the BZA's campus plan order (as reported in the February News), GWU has also refiled its case in the D.C. Court of Appeals. No dates have been announced for hearing the cases.

### Words That Defined the Times

1940s	1950s
atom bomb	beatnik
bikini	brain-washing
DNA	credit card
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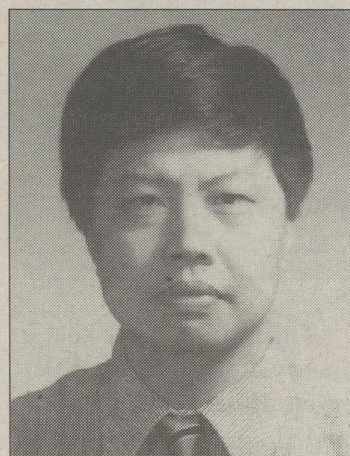
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## Profile—Sen Huang, M.D. (China), Ph.D.

By Marifran Langvardt and Ellie Becker

A welcome addition to our Foggy Bottom neighborhood is Dr. Sen Huang, M.D. (China). Dr. Huang is a National Board Certified and licensed acupuncturist and brings to us an enormous background of experience. Studying acupuncture and Chinese medicine from a combined Chinese and western medicine program at Nantong Medical College. Dr. Huang is also engaged in acupuncture research and earned M.S. and Ph.D. degrees at the Shanghai Brain Research Institute.

He first came to the U.S. soon after Tiananmen Square, realizing that the opportunities for his practice and especially to teach and do research were limited. He spent three years in Salt Lake City, returned to Shanghai for several years, and returned to teach at the University of Virginia and came to D.C. in 1992. He and his wife live in Burke, Virginia, and they have a married daughter (and grandchild) and an eight-year-old son. His wife is a research assistant in the GWU Department of Anatomy. He looks forward to



periodic visits to his parents in China.

Dr. Huang is soft-spoken and easy to talk with, and has an especially attractive smile (the photo above was probably meant to show his professional demeanor).

In the U.S. he was a faculty member of the Department of Anatomy at the University of Virginia and is currently a faculty member of the Department of Anatomy and Cell Biology at The George Washington University. He is also adjunct professor of Nantong Medical College of China. As a diplomat in Acupuncture (NCCAOM, National Certificate Commission of Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine), he is a licensed acupuncturist of the District of Columbia, a member of the American Association of Oriental Medicine (AAOM), Society of Acu-

puncture Research (SAR) and Society of Neuroscience.

Practicing now at 730 24th Street, N.W., telephone 298-5588, Dr. Huang offers free consultation and is available evening and weekend hours and also has a web site: [www.huangclinic.com](http://www.huangclinic.com). Services provided include acupuncture, acupressure, acupoint massage, moxibustion (applying of heat to acupuncture points), cupping (use of a vacuum or negative pressure), as well as herbal medicine and breathing exercises such as Qi Gong and Tai Chi. His focus is combining these procedures to increase health and the cure of diseases.

Among his suggestions for a healthier body, he advocates several exercise routines, including the following breathing regimen:

Breathe evenly and slowly. Inhale while starting to raise arms. Breathe evenly (2-3 times) until arms reach the level of shoulders.

Inhale deeply while raising arms and hands above the head. Then exhale deeply while hands push the air down toward the head until reaching the top of the head. Continue to breathe until the hands reach the level of the navel.

Breathe evenly while sliding hands toward the midline. Take a deep breath while pressing hands toward a point halfway between the navel and the pelvis. Exhale while moving hands back to the level of the navel. Breathe evenly while lowering hands to the rest position.

Breathe evenly 2-3 times. Inhale while making a fist, and breathe again. Then inhale deeply while making the fist tight. Exhale while opening the fist. Breathe again, then inhale and exhale deeply while extending the fingers.

Breathe evenly 5-10 times and then repeat. Use 3 minutes to complete these steps.

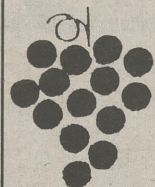
## Homeless Man Dies at Miriam's Kitchen

During the cold weather in early February, Arnold Scoggins collapsed on the stairs leading to the Miriam's Kitchen feeding program, and died within minutes despite efforts to resuscitate him. An ambulance was summoned and came promptly but arrived too late to revive him. An official cause of death was not available at press time, so it is not known if he died

from the cold or natural causes.

Scoggins had been a "regular" at Miriam's Kitchen for 10 years, and was well known by the program's workers and staff. A memorial service was attended by about 50 friends and acquaintances. Miriam's Kitchen is a breakfast feeding program held each weekday morning at Western Presbyterian Church at 24th & G Sts.

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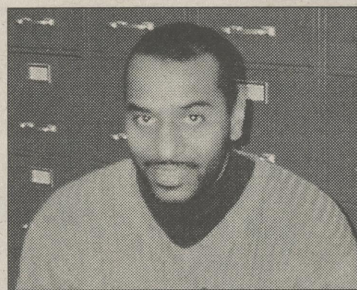


## Foggy Bottom Folks

Congratulations to **Kerry** and **Ari Zymelman**, whose Queen Anne's Lane home sported an "It's A Boy" balloon on the front door. **Joseph** arrived in late January, joining big sister **Talia**. Kerry was instrumental in the planning and implementation of the children's park on 26th Street, and she now has another reason to enjoy the park.

A recent issue of the Washingtonian Magazine featured a full-page photo of **Robert Wiedmaier**, chef and owner of Marcel's Restaurant on Pennsylvania Avenue. Also pictured was his lobster and pheasant creation, one of the menu items which resulted in a three-star rating for his French/Belgian cuisine. Mentioned in the writeup were his special poached pears stuffed with caramel and pecans in puff pastry and his rice pudding. Kinkead's, at 2000 Penn, again earned the magazine's four-star rating.

The West End Library has a new children's librarian, who joined the staff in early February. He is **Angelo Espinosa**, who has been with the D.C. Public Library organization since January 2000, and earlier worked at the Watha T. Daniel Branch on Rhode Island Avenue. In addition to his library work, Mr. Espinosa is pursuing studies at the Catholic University of America. Despite its location in an area not known for families, the West End Library has a very high usage of its children's collection.



There was a party held in January at the **Swissotel Watergate Hotel** to introduce the hotel's new management group. It is the company bearing a famous old hotel name conjuring up far-away places. **Raffles**, now operating in the Americas as well. **Raffles** President **Jennie Chua** attended, as did officials of American Airlines. Also on hand preparing special dishes were chefs from various affiliated restaurants, including **Robert Rhoades** of Jeffrey's at the Watergate, now featuring cuisine from the Lone Star State. The hotel is also celebrating its rating by Conde Nast Traveler Magazine readers as one of "The World's Best Places to Stay."

**Edna Noland**, lifelong resident of Foggy Bottom, died January 31 at the age of 91. Next month's News will carry an article about this FB "pioneer" provided by her longtime friend and helper, **Rita Champagne**.

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## Why Be A Volunteer?

By Marifran D. Langvardt

Being a volunteer for me was a means of survival when living overseas. A busy husband, children in school, domestics taking care of the house chores left many hours to fill—and playing bridge was an attraction for only a brief span of time. Volunteering was the key that introduced me to a whole new world of cultures I wouldn't have otherwise known.

Of my 26 years overseas, 17 were spent in the Philippines where opportunities were ripe for volunteerism. Manila Symphony Society, Philippino Girl Scouts, Department of Tourism, and St. Luke's Episcopal Hospital introduced me to a wide variety of experiences and new friends.

In 1982 it was time for me to return to my home country on my own. Once home, there was no looking back to what had been, and it seemed logical to find ways in which I could volunteer while looking for permanent employment.

My first American experience was assisting Catherine Miller, Director and owner of the Natural Daycare Learning Center located in the basement of St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Foggy Bottom. Later I was invited to become a director of that school. Next, I worked parttime at the Immaculate Conception Academy as a substitute teacher, sharing my time between the Daycare and the Academy. When the Academy moved in March, 1984, I was offered a job, with very little experience, as a receptionist for the law firm of Reasoner, Davis and Fox. I couldn't believe

that I was actually being paid for meeting new people every day. Eventually my skills improved—bookkeeping, typing, and eventually the computer.

Rev. Canon James R. Daughtry of St. Paul's suggested I check into a volunteer opportunity at St. Mary's Court. This was followed by an official invitation from Rev. John E. Wilbur of St. Mary's Church and the Court's administrator, Barbara Brunton. Added training at the Institute of Pastoral Care and Counseling during my evening hours honed by skills, and after 15 years as a volunteer I joined the staff in March 1999. But I am getting ahead of myself.

While still working at the law firm, I received a call from the White House in January 1993 with an invitation to volunteer as a member of the First Lady's Health Care Task Force. It was there that I met another volunteer, Rachel Friedman, who also was a member of the Women's Board of The George Washington University Hospital. Another new experience opened the door to yet more new friends. As president of the Women's Board for several

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## First D.C. Marathon Runs in FB

Two segments of the Inaugural Washington D.C. Marathon, scheduled for Sunday, March 24, will be run within Foggy Bottom. The runners will cross Memorial Bridge, travel on Rock Creek Parkway and continue onto Virginia Avenue. The run, scheduled for Palm Sunday, concerns the city's religious community due to street closings which will make it difficult for residents to reach their churches.

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terms, I can safely say that I have worked with some extraordinary men and women.

Living in Foggy Bottom offers the most incredible opportunities for ways to share your time and talent, and I can promise you that the rewards of friendship by far outweigh all else. Whatever your interest, come and join us! Volunteer your time, if only for an hour or two.

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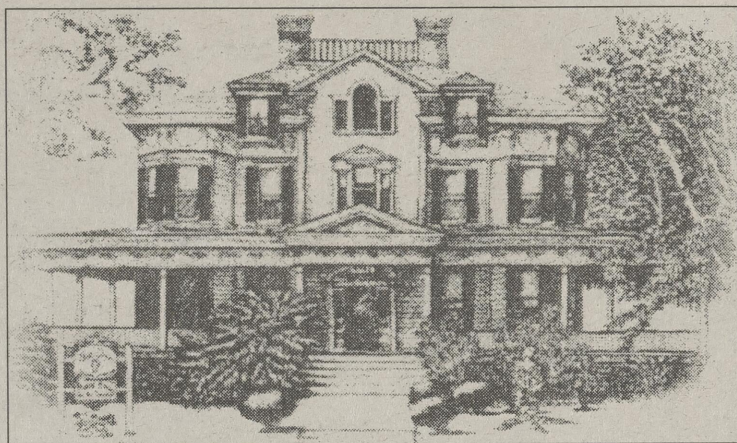


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## Foggy Bottom Invited to Mansion Mysteries

By Abe Freund

Foggy Bottom residents are invited to High Tea or a Monthly Murder Mystery in an 1897 Victorian Mansion where every visit is a celebration! The Inn at Buckeystown is only an hour from Washington where a tradition of grace, elegance and true affordable hospitality is an everyday experience.

The "road best traveled" to see the 18th-century authentic village known as Buckeystown, Maryland, is by car, taking the George Washington Memorial Parkway westbound, with the Potomac River on your right. History will surround you.

Proceed to Rt. 495 (the Beltway) northbound until you cross the American Legion Bridge. Then, keeping to your left, go northbound on Rt. 270 toward Rockville and Frederick, Maryland. Here the magic begins. As you approach Exit 22 north of Rockville and Gaithersburg, on a clear day, four miles to the west, you will see Sugarloaf Mountain, standing 1,267 feet high, the first mountain north of Washington, D.C. Now you are ready for Buckeystown!

At Exit 26 slow down to 25 miles per hour and drive westward on Rt. 80, following a sharp right turn. Five miles ahead you will come to a stop sign, which is Rt. 85. The village of Buckeystown is nearby to the Monocacy River, where sites will include Federal and Victorian homes, monuments and markets, Civil War battlefields, Frederick Keys-O's A affiliate team, and Francis Scott Key's birthplace in nearby Frederick.

The Inn of Buckeystown, a four-star National Award Winner, is open to the public for fine dining and spirited conversation each Friday and Saturday, or special reservations are welcome for six or more guests. Famous for its bed-and-breakfast, The Inn continues to be a "BYOB" establishment. Operating by reservations-only to preserve the privacy of guests, appointments are required to tour the Inn. The telephone numbers are 301-874-5755 or 1-800-272-1190.

If you are willing to step back in time, this is definitely the place for you.

*Abe and his artist wife Roz are residents of St. Mary's Court, and frequently enjoy various pursuits in D.C. and nearby. (Read that sentence as they are out and about all the time seeing and experiencing their adopted hometown.)*



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## FB Actions and Efforts

—**900 Block of 24th.** Bill Rice, public information officer for the DPW Division of Transportation, was asked to inquire about the final paving of the 900 block of 24th Street. That block was part of the 24th Street bridge project, which was completed in late 2000. It appeared, however, that a final coat was omitted, leaving sewer manhole covers protruding an inch or more. After several weeks, Rice called back to advise that a final coat indeed had been omitted, and he anticipates the job will be finished in the spring.

—**Tax Status of "City Hall."** Following the leasing of the St. James Hotel by GWU for use as a dormitory, questions arose about the tax status of the building. The question was referred to Michael Bonds who serves Ward 2 in the Mayor's Community Outreach office. His research indicates that the building is still subject to real estate tax since it is leased, not owned, by the university.

—**Sign Pole Remnant.** The ever-vigilant Rita Champagne spotted the remainder of a sign on 24th Street just north of Virginia Avenue. The city had moved a sign imbed-

ded in the sidewalk but left a 4" portion of it standing. She saw one evening what she felt was a dangerous obstacle, a sharp piece of gray metal protruding from the sidewalk, and tried to mark it with a piece of paper. She called the next day to report it, and in the meantime corralled several orange cones to mark it, each of which disappeared—to her great frustration. But the offending portion, fortunately, was taken care of by the city within a few days. She credits that quick action to her warning, a very true statement, that it was a hazard and the city might be liable for any accident it might cause.

*Ed.note: "Actions and Efforts" is intended to remind us all that we as citizens need to be active in remedying problems great and small in our neighborhood. It takes only a wish to help and research to find the right resource—and sometimes great persistence. And the reward of accomplishment can be, oh, so sweet. So don't be shy; when you are able to make something good happen, submit the story with some details to the News or call 337-5528. The News' mailing address is c/o the West End Library, 24th & L Streets, N.W., D.C. 20037. The good-deed-doer will be identified, or not, as he or she desires.*

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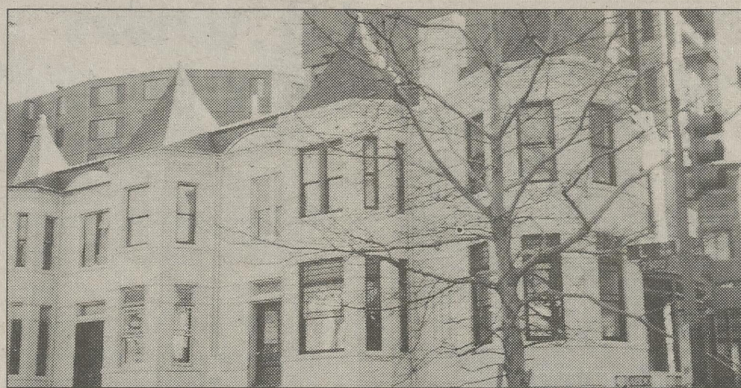
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Jim Abdo prides himself on being "a preservationist-at-heart" as well as a developer, and has won awards for the care taken with older historic and non-historic buildings. In preparation for construction, the developer did extensive research and consulted with the D.C. Historic Preservation office. Modern touches such as granite kitchens and internet wiring contrast with new windows with mullioned glass to match the original, and transoms preserved and fitted with stained glass.



All units are rental, and furnished apartments can be arranged, along with underground parking and other uses of nearby Ritz-Carlton facilities. Prices will range from \$1500-\$3000 per month, modern high-end apartments "in a piece of history," said Abdo.

## Neighborhood Datebook

**Monday, February 25:** Foggy Bottom Association monthly meeting, featuring authors Andrew Carroll and Bill Gilbert as featured speakers. Melrose Hotel, 2430 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. **All residents welcome.** 7:30 p.m.\*

**Tuesday, February 26:** "The Few and the Brave: Memorials to African Americans in Washington, D.C.," a slide-illustrated lecture by Washington historian and author Alexander M. Padro. The author of a forthcoming book, he will explore both the city's tributes to notable African Americans and the creative artists responsible for their design. Arts Club of Washington, 2017 I Street, N.W. Reception to follow; reservations suggested. 331-7282, ext. 21. \$10. 7:00 p.m.

**Wednesday, February 27:** "The Impact of the Work of African American Architects on the Nation's Capital," a luncheon roundtable panel discussion moderated by Charles Cassell.

Arts Club of Washington, 2017 I Street, N.W. Reservations required. 331-7282, ext. 21. \$15. 12:30 p.m.

**Thursday, February 28-Sunday, March 3:** "Les Liaisons Dangereuses," the stage version of the daring movie, presented by the GWU Department of Theatre and Dance. Marvin Center Theater, 800 21st Street, N.W. (enter on H Street). Contact: 994-6178. \$10; students & seniors, \$8. 7:30 p.m.; Sunday at 2:00 p.m.

**Friday, March 1:** Opening of exhibitions of mixed media works by Katherine Steichen Rosing and Victor Sparrow. Arts Club of Washington, 2017 I Street, N.W. Contact: 331-7282. 6:30-8:30 p.m.\*

**Wednesday, March 6:** "Joint Surgery: Replacing Worn Out Hips and Knees," presented by orthopedic surgeon Paul Manner, M.D. Covered will be the new fluoroscopically-assisted surgical procedures, as well as the implanted materials now available. GWU Hospital Auditorium, 901 23rd Street, N.W. Contact: 1-888-4GW-DOCS. 7:00 p.m.

**Sunday, March 10:** "The Relationship Between Law, Religion and Science," a lecture by Steven P. Goldberg, Professor of Law, Georgetown Law Center. United Church, 1920 G Street, N.W. Contact: 331-1495. 2:00 p.m.

**Tuesday, March 19:** "Does Your Mother Come From Ireland? Irish Reception, featuring stories, songs and photographs of a true Irish tenor and accomplished professional photographer. The presentation will include folk lore, history, and descriptions of growing up American in Irish households. **Patrick Clerkin** is an actor and top Irish balladeer; **Lillian O'Connell** is an award-winning photographer. Corcoran Gallery of Art, 500 17th Street, N.W. Members, \$12; public, \$16. Contact: 639-1770. 7:00 p.m.

**Wednesday, March 20:** Foggy Bottom/West End Advisory Neighborhood Commission meeting. Melrose Hotel, 2430 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. 7:00 p.m.

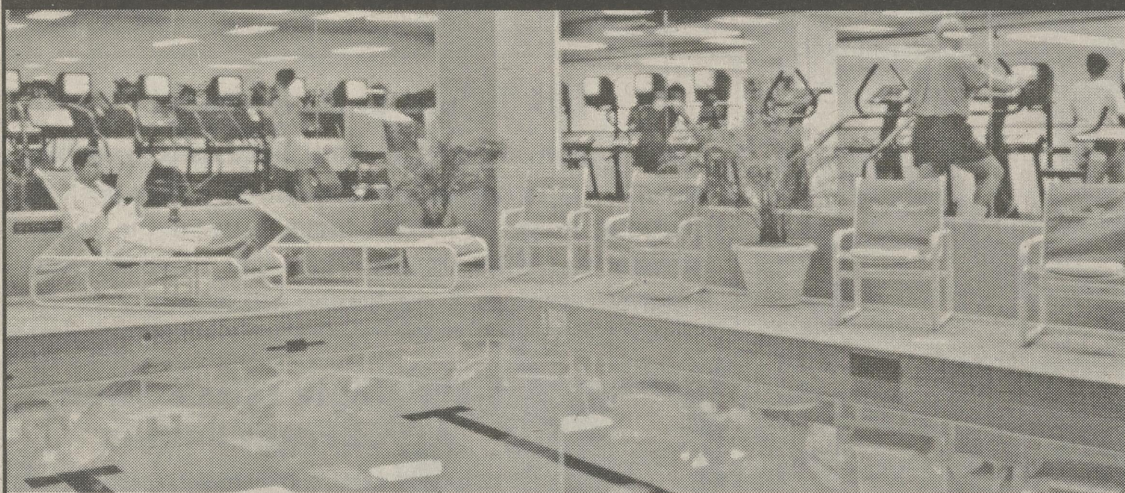
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**Tuesday, March 26:** "What She Wanted: The Legacy of Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis," presented by filmmaker **Suzanne Bauman**, who will show excerpts from her PBS documentary, and discuss the issues that the late First Lady most cared about. Corcoran Gallery of Art, 500 17th Street, N.W. Members, \$10; public, \$12. Contact: 639-1770. 7:00 p.m.

**Wednesday, March 27:** "Gastric Bypass: Long Term Weight Loss," presented by surgeon Paul Lin, M.D. and endocrinologist Joseph Pinzone, M.D. Included will be information on this surgery for severely overweight persons, who qualifies, and the benefits, risks, recovery, and anticipated results. GWU Hospital Auditorium, 901 23rd Street, N.W. Contact: 1-888-4GW-DOCS. 7:00 p.m.

\*See article on this listing elsewhere in this issue.

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